

139. The system of claim 138, wherein said seller inventory and pricing information includes seller-defined rules.
140. The system of claim 138, wherein the customer accesses said web page using a web browser.
141. The system of claim 138, wherein the customer accesses said web page which displays an electronic form containing a number of blanks to be filled out by the customer, the blanks representing conditions of the first conditional purchase offer.
142. The system of claim 138, wherein said financial account is a debit account.
143. The system of claim 138, wherein said financial account is a credit account.
144. The system of claim 138, wherein said payment for said goods or services is guaranteed.
145. The system of claim 138, wherein said processor is further configured to authenticate said first conditional purchase offer prior to consideration thereof.
146. The system of claim 138, wherein said goods or services includes at least one of: an airline ticket, an automobile, insurance, computer equipment and a hotel accommodation.
147. The system of claim 138, wherein said processor is operative with said program to compare said first conditional purchase offer with seller inventory and pricing information by accessing information in at least one of: a computer reservation system and an airline reservation system.

### REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to examination of the instant patent application. Claims 98-147 are pending in the application. Claims 1-97 have been canceled. New claims 98-147 have been added. The specification has been amended to include a discussion

regarding the use of a web browser and a web page. Support for the amendment to the specification can be found inter alia in the issued parent patent no. 5,794,207, at column 15, lines 38-through column 16 line 12. The parent was specifically incorporated by reference in the instant application at page 7, lines 15-17. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to discuss any issues which may advance the prosecution of the instant application.

**AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-4500, Order No. 3553-4020US2.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an

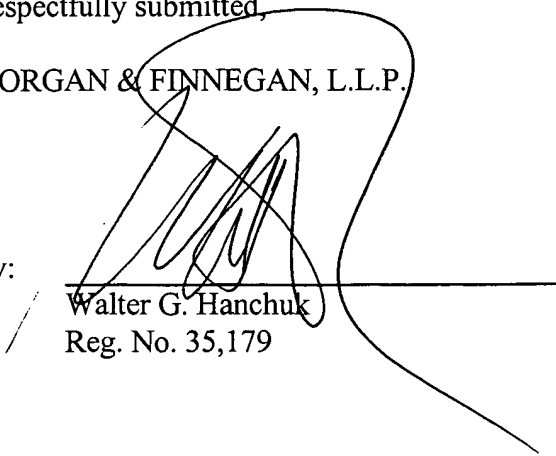
extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 3553-4020US2. A DUPLICATE  
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